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“The Tell-Tale Heart” by Edgar Allan Poe

Review Questions

1) What is our first impression of the narrator?

To whom is he speaking?

What does he say about his senses?

2) What is it about the man that bothers the narrator? Why?

How does he describe the eye?

What plan does he concoct?

What does the term “vulture eye” suggest?

How does this add to the mood of the story?

3) What does the narrator do each night? Why?

When does the narrator sneak into the man’s room?

For how many evenings does he do this?

How does the narrator act towards the old man during the day?

Why doesn’t he just kill the man during the day when the eye is open?

4) What happens on the eighth night?

How does the old man react?

How does the narrator react?

What does the narrator say he's usually doing each night?

5) What does the narrator feel upon seeing the old man's terror?

What does his momentary sympathy say about him?

What does the narrator do to the old man?

What effect does the old man's eye have upon the narrator this time?

6) What happens here at the climax of the story?

How does the narrator kill the old man?

What do the steps he takes to hide the crime say about him and his mental state?

7) Why does the narrator no longer fear being caught?

How does he react when the police arrive?

Do you think his confidence will wane?

8) What happens to shake the narrator's calm?

What does he confess?

Would the crime have been discovered eventually? Why or why not?

Does the narrator really hear a heartbeat? Whose?

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Define the following figurative language devices & provide an example of each from the story.

Type of Figurative Language	Definition	Example & Page #
Simile		
Metaphor		
Personification		
Alliteration		
Hyperbole		
Onomatopoeia		

Define the following parts of speech & provide an example of each from the story.

Part of Speech	Definition	Example & Page # (Find <u>at least 3 examples</u> of each)
Noun		
Pronoun		
Adjective		
Verb		
Adverb		
Conjunction		
Preposition		
Interjection		

Provide Examples of Sensory Details from “The Tell Tale Heart”

<p>Sight</p> 	<p>(at least 3)</p>
<p>Touch</p> 	<p>(at least 3)</p>
<p>Hear</p> 	<p>(At least 3)</p>
<p>Smell</p> 	<p>(At least 1, if possible)</p>
<p>Taste</p> 	<p>(At least 1, if possible)</p>

Use the literary terms below to describe the story elements

Characterization of the narrator:

Describe how the narrator's **mood** changes and progresses from when the police arrive at the house to them sitting in the "chamber room".

What does the title, "Tell Tale Heart", mean?

Use the T-Chart to explain "**Poe was a man both blessed and cursed by genius.**"

BLESSED	CURSED

Illustrate the most frightening moment in the story and tell why below the picture.



STORY MAP

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Title _____		Author _____	
Setting	Mood	Major Character(s)	Minor Character(s)
Conflict		Theme <i>(underlying message)</i>	Point of View
Resolution		Climax	
Introduction		Falling Action	
Conclusion		Conclusion	